

Vector-Borne Disease

Weekly Surveillance Report

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West Nile Virus (WNV)

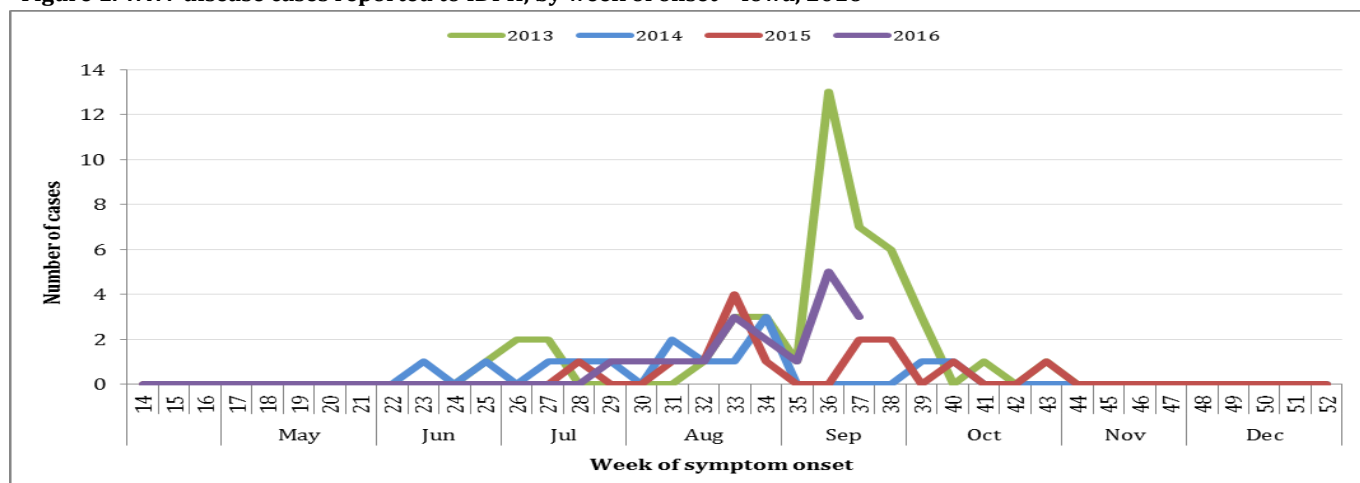
WNV is endemic in Iowa and activity usually peaks in late summer and early fall. IDPH works in collaboration with Local Public Health (LPH) and other appropriate partners to investigate all reported cases.

In addition, IDPH in collaboration with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL), Iowa State University (ISU), and local public environmental health partners conducts ecological surveillance in four counties across the state by monitoring mosquitoes and testing for infected populations.

Eighteen human cases of WNV have been reported in Iowa in 2016 [Table 1]. Twenty-eight mosquito pools and 12 horses have also tested positive for this virus. During the 2015 surveillance season, 14 human cases of WNV were reported, in 13 Iowa counties [Figure 1].

County	Human	Blood Donor	Horses	Mosquito Pools				
				<i>Culex erraticus</i>	<i>Culex pipiens</i>	<i>Culex pipiens</i> Group	<i>Culex restuans</i>	<i>Culex salinarius</i>
Crawford	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Des Moines	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Floyd	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hardin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monona	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Brien	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polk	0	0	0	0	7	2	4	1
Pottawattamie	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sioux	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Story	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	0
Tama	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Webster	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Woodbury	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Van Buren	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total	18	4	12	1	13	3	10	1

Figure 1. WNV disease cases reported to IDPH, by week of onset – Iowa, 2016



For additional information on Iowa West Nile virus activity, visit <http://idph.iowa.gov/cade/disease-information/west-nile-virus>.

National WNV Activity:

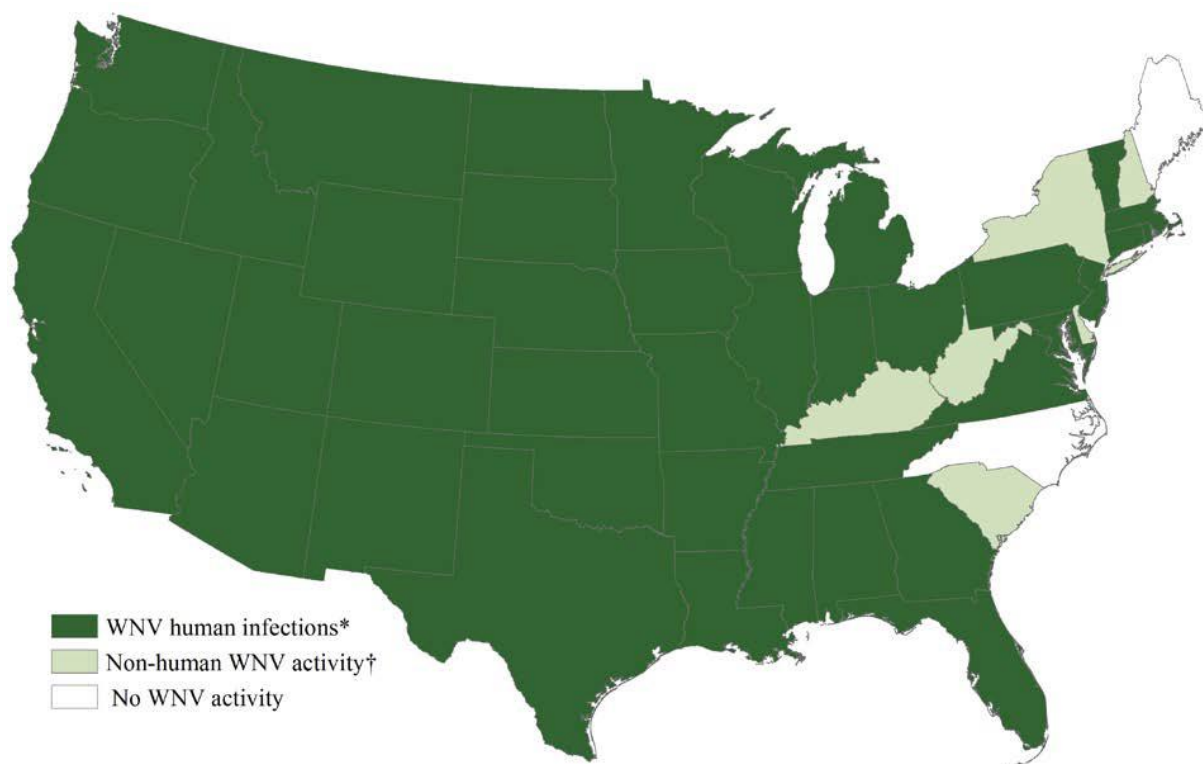
As of September 27th, 727 counties from 46 states and the District of Columbia have reported WNV activity to ArboNET for 2016, including 40 states and the District of Columbia with reported WNV human infections (i.e., disease cases or viremic blood donors) and six additional states with reported WNV activity in non-human species only (i.e., veterinary cases, mosquito pools, dead birds, or sentinel animals) [Figure 2].

To date, 956 human WNV disease cases have been reported from 335 counties in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Of these, 502(53%) were classified as neuroinvasive disease (such as meningitis or encephalitis) and 454 (47%) were classified as non-neuroinvasive disease [Figure 3]. Date of illness onset for cases ranged from January –September [Figure 4].

In addition, 152 presumptive viremic blood donors haven been reported from 22 states.

For additional information on the national West Nile virus activity, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsMaps/preliminaryMapsData/index.html>

Figure 2. WNV activity reported to ArboNET, by state – United States, 2016 (as of September 27, 2016)



*WNV human disease cases or presumptive viremic blood donors. Presumptive viremic blood donors have a positive screening test which has not necessarily been confirmed. †WNV veterinary disease cases, or infections in mosquitoes, birds, or sentinel animals

Figure 3. WNV neuroinvasive disease incidence reported to ArboNET, by state – United States, 2016 (as of September 27, 2016)

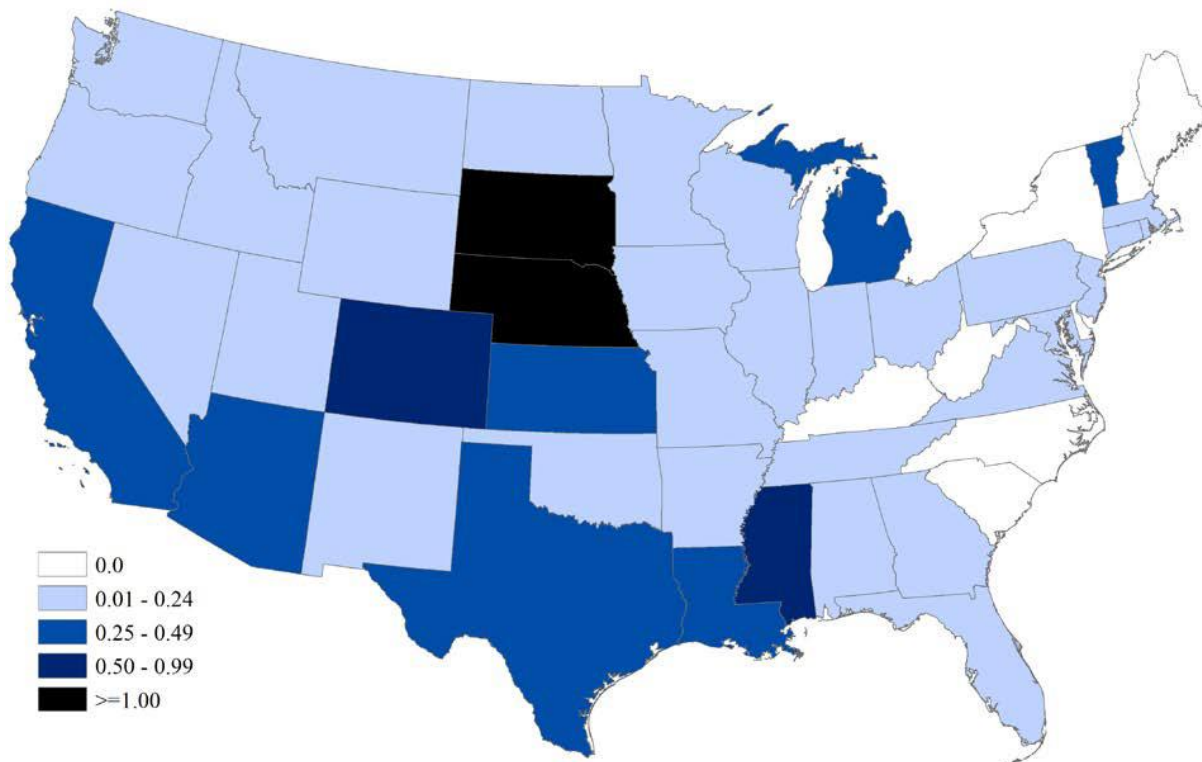
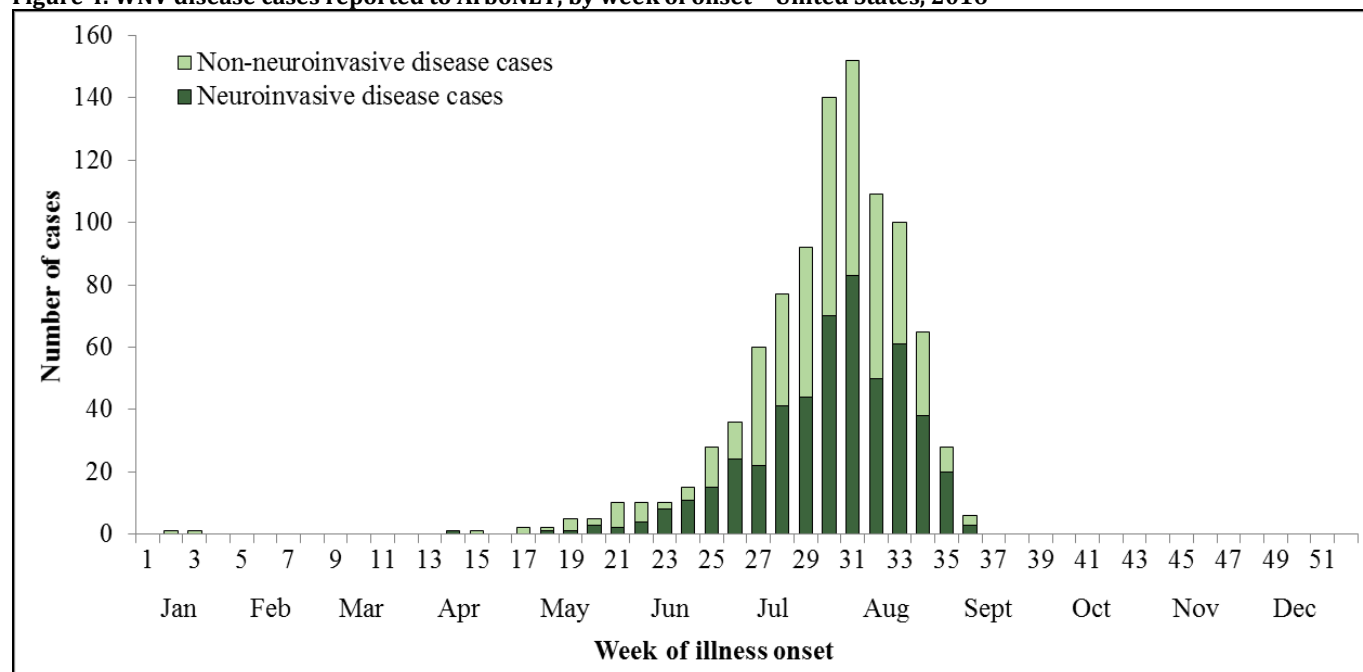


Figure 4. WNV disease cases reported to ArboNET, by week of onset – United States, 2016



Chikungunya is a viral disease that is spread to people by the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a person already infected with this virus. These species of mosquitoes are not sustained in Iowa.

National Chikungunya Activity:

A total of 125 chikungunya virus disease cases with illness onset in 2016 have been reported to ArboNET from U.S. territories. To date, 124 locally acquired cases and 1 travel-associated case have been reported from Puerto Rico.

Dengue Fever

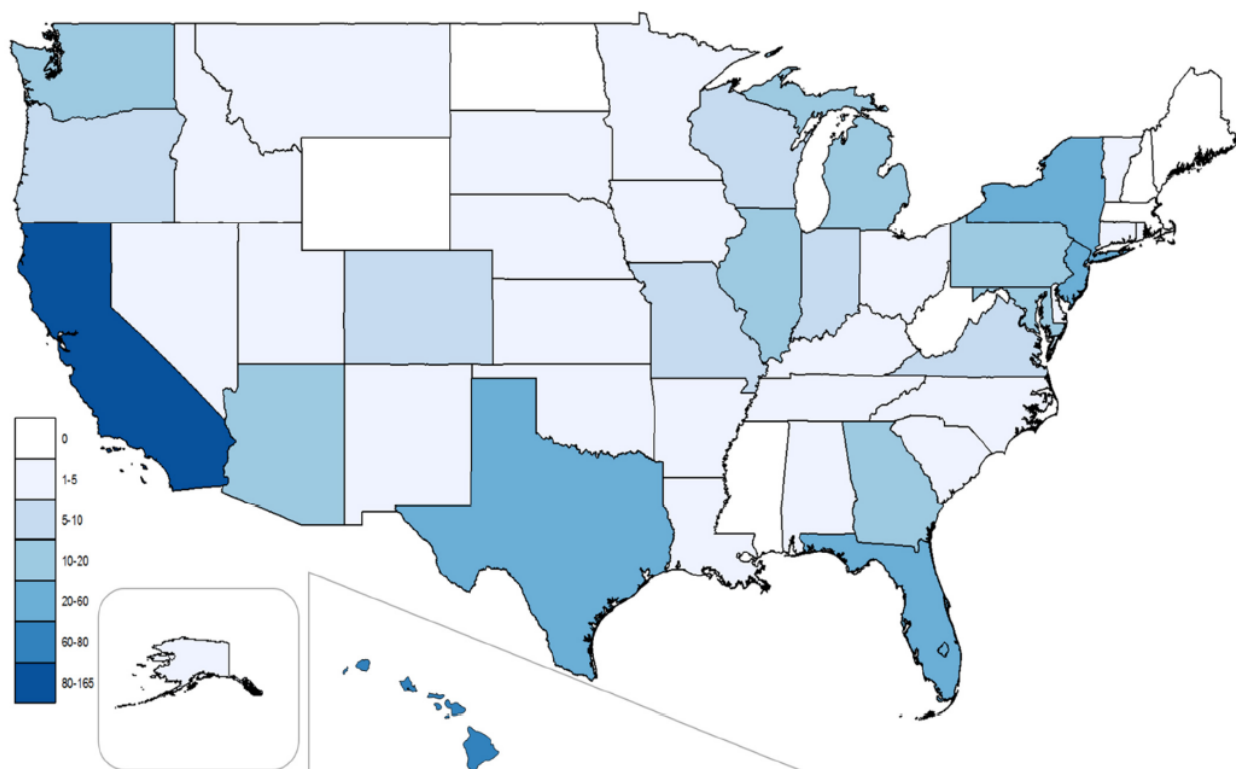
Dengue is a disease caused by any one of four related viruses, which are passed by the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. Infection with one of the four viruses does not protect against the others and consecutive infections put people at greater risk of developing dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF).

Dengue is not found in Iowa. Cases are in travelers and immigrants returning from parts of the world where dengue transmission occurs. Four cases of Dengue fever have been reported in Iowa, thus far in 2016. In 2015, four cases of Dengue fever were reported to IDPH.

National Dengue Activity:

As of September 23rd, 44 states and two territories have reported dengue cases to ArboNET for 2016 [Figure 6]

Figure 6. Laboratory-positive travel associated and locally-acquired dengue cases from the 50 states— United States, 2016 (as of September 23, 2016)



Malaria

Malaria is a serious and sometimes fatal disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects *Anopheles* mosquitoes. Malaria is spread to humans by the bite of the infected female mosquito. Only *Anopheles* mosquitoes can transmit malaria and they must have been infected through a previous blood meal taken from an infected person.

Fourteen cases of malaria have been reported in Iowa. Cases are in travelers and immigrants returning from parts of the world where malaria transmission occurs. In 2015, 17 cases of Malaria were reported to IDPH.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF)

American dog ticks are carriers of *Rickettsia rickettsii*, the bacteria that causes RMSF. The American dog tick is the most common species of tick in Iowa and can be found in every county in the state. The tick is most active late March through August.

Ten cases of RMSF have been reported in Iowa. In 2015, eight cases of RMSF were reported to IDPH.

Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis

There are at least three species of bacteria responsible for ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis in the United States: *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, *Ehrlichia ewingii*, and *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. Ehrlichiae are transmitted by the bite of an infected lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) which is found in Iowa. *A. phagocytophilum* is transmitted by the bite of an infected blacklegged tick (or deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*) in Iowa. The clinical signs and symptoms of these infections are similar.

Ten cases of ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis have been reported in Iowa. In 2015, eleven cases of ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis were reported to IDPH.

Lyme

Lyme disease is caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi* and in Iowa is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected tick, the blacklegged tick (or deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*). Ticks are most likely to spread the Lyme disease bacterium during their pre-adult stage (nymph). They are most common between May and July and found in tall grasses and brush of wooded areas.

As of September 30th, 186 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme have been reported in Iowa. In 2015, 318 cases of Lyme disease were reported to IDPH.